

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Jeff Essmann, on April 9, 2015 at 10:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)
Rep. Bill Harris, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Debra Lamm (R)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Art Wittich (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jennifer Petersen, Committee Secretary
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 279, 4/2/2015
Executive Action: SB 279, SB 293

00:00:01 Chair Essmann

HEARING ON SB 279

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:16 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 279, Referendum to require special election for vacancy in the U.S. Senate or House.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:33 Greg Trude, self

00:03:06 Jim Brown, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:03:58 Sen. Hamlett

00:04:57 Chair Essmann

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 279

00:05:18 **Motion:** Rep. Harris moved that **SB 279 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:05:28 Rep. Funk

00:05:50 Rep. Mandeville

00:06:06 Chair Essmann

00:06:15 Vice Chair Schreiner

00:06:58 Chair Essmann

00:07:18 Rep. Price

00:07:36 Chair Essmann

00:07:58 Vice Chair Harris

00:08:25 Rep. Funk

00:08:51 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-3 by voice vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Hayman and Rep. Karjala voting no. Rep. Karjala, Rep. Knudsen and Rep. Wittich voted by proxy. Rep. Mandeville will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 293

(Rep. Essmann designated Rep. Harris as Chair for this executive action.)

00:09:31 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **SB 293 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**

00:10:49 Chair Harris

00:10:58 Vice Chair Schreiner

00:11:13 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-1 by voice vote with Rep. Lamm voting no. Rep. Karjala, Rep. Knudsen and Rep. Wittich were excused.

00:11:37 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **SB 293 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:11:46 Chair Harris

00:12:01 Rep. McKamey

00:12:20 Rep. Essmann

00:13:11 Vice Chair Schreiner

00:13:29 Rep. Essmann

00:14:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-2 by voice vote with Rep. Lamm and Rep. McKamey voting no. Rep. Karjala, Rep. Knudsen and Rep. Wittich voted by proxy. Rep. Schreiner will carry the bill.

00:14:57 Chair Essmann

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 45

00:15:05 **Motion:** Rep. B. Brown moved that **SB 45 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**

Discussion:

00:15:22 Rep. B. Bennett

00:16:00 Rep. McKamey

00:17:06 Rep. Lamm

00:17:39 Vice Chair Harris

00:18:30 Vice Chair Schreiner

00:21:05 Rep. Mandeville

00:21:48 Rep. Swanson

00:22:33 Rep. Shaw

00:23:53 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-9 by roll call vote with Rep. B. Brown, Rep. Essmann, Rep. Garner, Rep. Harris, Rep. Lamm, Rep. McKamey, Rep. Mortensen and Rep. Shaw voting aye. Rep. Karjala, Rep. Knudsen and Rep. Wittich were excused.

00:25:26 Chair Essmann

00:26:21 Rep. Hayman

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:26:48

Jennifer Petersen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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